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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2009, Applicants request consideration the accompanying remarks. Applicants believe that no fees are required with this amendment. If any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter number 31725-200815.

No Amendments to the claims are submitted with this response.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.